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I would appreciate it if those of you who I have missed would let me know so it will not happen again. Many thanks to the above mentioned firms for helping us out.

In Unity there is Strength

Join us in our efforts to promote wise use of our renewable resources and the practice of good sportsmanship.

I have three questions for **all** sportsmen:

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3. Would you like to be insured for \$5,000 property damage and \$25,000/\$50,000 public liability insurance while hunting or fishing?

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Application for Membership

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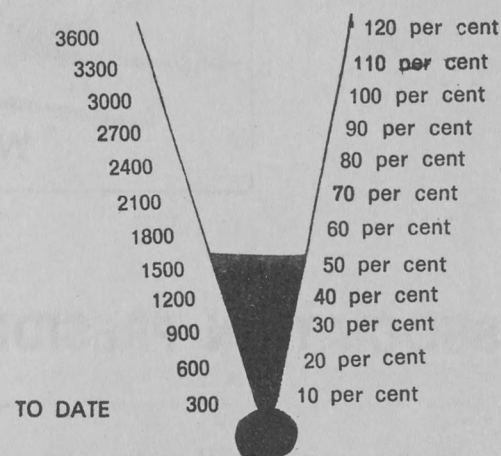
'64 Member? New Member

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City/Town



Please keep in mind that this is the last news letter that will be sent to 1964 members unless membership is re-newed. Re-new your membership early and get all the news letters, magazines and other benefits for the full year.

In ending my report, I would like to leave these thoughts with you, called the **BEST REASON**

BEST REASON

A careful man I ought to be;

A little fellow follows me;

I do not dare to go astray;

For fear he'll go the self-same way

I cannot once escape his eyes,

What e'er he sees me do, he tries,
Like me he says he is going to be
The little chap that follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine,
The base in me he must not see
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go
Thru summer's sun and winter's snow
I am building for the years to be;
The little chap who follows me.

FISH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Geo Mitchell, Chairman

WINTER KILL HIGH

A check made with Mr. Rod Patterson Fish Biologist indicates that the oxygen level of the local trout lakes is dangerously low at the moment, and could result in some winter kill. A complete picture cannot be obtained until the water is ice free. A further report will be made prior to fishing time, so that members will not waste their time fishing in lakes that have suffered a complete winter kill. The fish committee have arranged the following outings this season, and your attendance and support is expected.

COMING EVENTS

1. **See the fish committee booth at the SPORTSMAN'S SHOW.** Slides, Stream and lake insects display of flies for trout and whitefish that will catch fish and not just fishermen.
2. **FISHERMAN'S NIGHT. 8 p.m. Sharp TUESDAY 27th APRIL, 1965 at the Bellevue hall 7303 - 112 Avenue.** A interesting talk with illustrated color slides will be given by Fish Biologist Mr. Gordon Haugen of the fish and Wildlife Service Fishing films, coffee and doughnuts.
3. **FISH DERBIES.**
LAC STE ANNE (Alberta Beach) **Sunday 13th**

June 1965. for northern pike and pickerel (wall-eye)

BIG CHICKAKO, LITTLE CHICKAKO and SAUER LAKE. Sunday 12th September 1965. for Rainbow Trout.

LAKE WABAMUN. Sunday 3rd October, 1965, for lake whitefish.

LAKE WABAMUN. Sunday 19th December, 1965, for lake Whitefish, Northern Pike and Perch. Note, this will be dependent on the weather.

MUIR LAKE, Annual clean-up. Sunday 16th May 1965. Hot dogs and coffee. A rake, axe, shovel and a plentiful supply of elbow grease is required on this job. Come on out and give us a hand, every year the executive do this for you. We need your help for we get no more pay for this job than you do. Thanks for a job well done is pay enough, if you feel what you are doing is of some assistance to the members and their families.

A comprehensive fishing review will be published in the next newsletter in time to give you a line on where to go, the type of fish that are there, and how we would fish for them

MEMBER REPORTS

Larry Provost, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Greetings fellow Sportsmen. With National Wild Life week coming up April 5th to 11th, I thought it might be fitting for all of us to re-new our conservation pledge: I give my pledge as a Canadian, to save and faithfully defend from waste, the natural resources of my country; its soils and minerals, its forests, waters, and wild life.

We on the membership committee are in better spirits for this report as you have answered our call for help. We are now just over half way to our goal for this year. Our membership at the end of March was 1,509 which is **an increase of just over 400 for the same period last year.** If we all give that extra little push, we should go well "over the top." We are open to suggestions on the best way to increase our membership, so if you have any suggestions, remember that we meet every Monday night at the office and the coffee pot is always on. So stop in if you get a chance and lets hear some of your hunting and fishing tales. We are looking forward to meeting all, old and new members at the Sportsmens Show which is bigger and better than ever this year. So come and bring a friend.

Memberships are available from the office on Monday nights or by mail any time. If you would

like to sell a few memberships to your friends, just give my wife, Helen, a call at 469-5777, and she will be glad to mail you out a book or two. The following firms are also helping us to increase our membership by having them available at their place of business.

Local Business Concerns Help

Rod Edwards at the W.W. Arcade, Edmonton's largest hardware store.

Wally Warawa's Plaza Tailors and mens wear, 10412A - 118 Avenue.

Edmonton Sporting Goods, 10830 - 82 Avenue.

Benny Grabow's Sporting goods, 9411 - 118 Avenue

Joe's Cycle and Sports Shop, 8019 - 118 Ave.

Baldwin & Johnson Sporting Goods, 9540 - 111 Avenue

Edmonton Cycle, 10041 - 82 Avenue.

Simpson Sears. Park Plaza.

Hudcon's Bay Co.

T. Eaton Co.

Woodwards, downtown and westmount.

Chatelaine Beauty Salon and Barber Shop, 9549 - 76 Avenue.

Dittrich Men's Shop Ltd., 10164 - 101 St.



"WHAT'LL WE DO NOW DAD?"

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT SPEAKS OUT ON GAME PRESERVES

Ray Bellamy

In this report I will make a few remarks about Commercial Pheasant Shooting areas. While I do not think politics have any place in a Fish & Game Association, I will have to bring politics up as they have a lot to do with this subject.

Mr. Patterson M. L. A. Lac St. Anne, introduced a motion, recommending the Government approve Commercial Pheasant Shooting areas, Mr. Patterson did not impress me as interested in the recreation of hunting. I can not believe this was his motive in introducing this motion. Therefore, what was the purpose? The ridiculous claims, of the benefits these farms would produce are too numerous to mention here. Not once did I hear that voters of his constituency were asking for this type of enterprise, so who wanted this most?

Mrs. Woods M. L. A. Stony Plain, seconded the motion and spoke to it. This was a masterpiece in dramatics. She described the Pheasant farm west of town, visualized tourists flocking in by the thousands to see it, drew a mental picture along with all the actions, of these happy birds, developing their wings in full flight in a nine foot high cage. Mr. Landeryou, Lethbridge, asked, why she did not include all other game birds as well as pheasants. Mrs. Woods hollered Parliamentary procedure here, saying only pheasants were in the wording of the motion.

Mrs. Woods was the M. L. A. who introduced the proposed legislation several years ago. If I

recall correctly, it included all wild birds in the area, seasons ending in the spring, many other complete controls as well as other species as may be seen fit to include from time to time (possibly leaving the door open for big game at a future date).

It is frightening to think of our future hunting rights in these hands.

One M. L. A. said this government could be trusted to set up controls that would safeguard wildlife as well as other public rights. The controls, on the Pheasant farms we have today, have not proven adequate. I know of approximately 2000 pheasants, accidentally released to the wilds around Edmonton, that were not Government approved. Any license fees should cover the cost of administration and inspection.

The Premier, Mr. Manning, gave these shooting preserves his blessing. This, in my opinion, is why this motion was not defeated. I must admit he sounded very convincing when he said, nobody would be losing any privileges or rights with the introduction of these areas. Let's go back to the early years of the war, when a few American officers tried to lease the hunting rights of Big Lake and Sturgeon Valley. This very same Government of today made the soldiers, due to go overseas, feel good by declaring, never would there be any hunting preserves in Alberta. This was only some 23 years ago.

M. L. A. after M. L. A. stated the voters in their constituencies were against paid hunting. Only personal opinions were expressed in favor. The thin edge of the wedge is not with these shooting areas, but was, when the present pheasant farms were allowed. This did not satisfy anyone, now these commercial shooting preserves is the first good kick to open the door.

Mr. Patterson (possibly flushed with the scent of victory) in his closing speech, sought to include crownlands, already suggesting the loss of privileges to the average hunter.

I would like all our members to know that every member of Parliament was aware of the feelings of the Edmonton Fish & Game Association. Wires, letters and petitions poured in, with no

effect. I think the downfall was with the sportsmen themselves, the apathy they show in not belonging to some association, led the Government to believe, they did not care. 18,000 members out of over 100,000 licenses sold, is a very poor percentage. We should have 10,000 members in Edmonton alone.

If the amendments are made to the game act, allowing these commercial shooting areas to become a reality, we then will have to make a stand to hold them to private property and ask for as much area in return be set up as public shooting areas. Only with a much larger membership will this be accomplished, then the Government would feel our strength is something to be reckoned with.

Use this blank cheque for your 1965 membership and mail to Edmonton Fish and Game Assoc.
10549 - 110 St., Edmonton.

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"City & Alberta" Trophy Report

John Bachinski, Chairman.

TROPHY ENTRIES KEEN & HEAVY.

Yet another trophy hunting season has passed which completed our fifth year of competition. I look back on our first & second years and then to the last competitive season. More and more members are going out for the trophy size specie of the outdoor wildlife with the effect that additional trophies are being added for competition. As long as you compete then the trophies are for the taking. Twenty one (21) members of the Association this year have been declared winners in the "city" competition and twelve are entered in the Alberta wide competition at the time of going to press, are in a very good position to carry off some of the top trophies.

Here now I tender my congratulations to all the "city" winners and hope that all will be able to attend in person to accept their trophies. The presentation will be made during the evening performance of the "Sportsman's Show" being held at the Jubilee Auditorium on April 17th. For those members who have not yet seen the trophies open for competition, you will have your opportunity during the Associations annual "Sportsman's Show" which will be held from the 14th, April thro 17th April at the Jubilee Auditorium with two matinees (afternoon performances) on Friday 16th & Saturday 17th. All "city" & Alberta trophies will be on display in the trophy booth together with some of the actual winning specie of wildlife.

How has the Association competition been received since its inception, here then are a few statistics from 1960 taken from entries received.

YEAR	BIG GAME	FEATHERED GAME	FISH	TOTAL
1960	22	17	26	55
1961	34	27	56	117
1962	37	38	55	130
1963	59	41	70	170
1964	48	32	65	145
	<u>200</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>617</u>

From the above one would think that the fish class would have shown a greater amount of entries, but it must be remembered that, the larger catches of fish are published in our "Newsletter" from time to time therefore members are aware of the standings in this competition and the size of catch which will make the grade.

I hope that before the end of this current trophy season we shall publish through the newsletter a complete minimum score that will be acceptable in the "city" competition for all specie of wildlife within each of the classifications open for competition. These figures are to be based on the average scores and weights from entries received

since the inception of the trophy competition. This then will give all members a very good guide as to whether you have a trophy size fish, big game or feathered game and possibly prevent you from missing out on a trophy.

ANNUAL BANQUET - MAY 7th

Now to the "Alberta Trophy Competition". The competitive season ended on Feb. 28th. The results have not yet been tabulated, but arrangements have been made for the presentation of trophies to the ultimate winners. The annual banquet will be held on May 7th, in the "Sportex Building" when presentations will be made. Many members missed last years banquet which was heralded as a huge success by all. This year should be even better for so many improvements are under way for the enjoyment of those attending. I am sorry to say that tickets for this years banquet will have to be limited, so naturally tickets will be on a "first come - first served" basis. Do you intend to be in on this years banquet, if so tickets will sell at: \$2.50 single \$5.00 double

Tickets may be obtained by writing to the following address:

John Bachinski, (Chairman.)
Trophy committee, (tickets.)
Edmonton Fish & Game Association,
10549 - 110 St., Edmonton.

These applications for tickets must arrive not later than April 30th, and must contain **Bank money order or postal order** to cover number of tickets required. Tickets will be forwarded by return. No cash or cheques please.

After two years of the "Alberta Trophy Competition" let us see how it is stacking up against the "city" competition. We gave the "city" competition five years to become completely established and it is here to stay. The "Alberta" competition is paving its own glory. The entries in this competition is not so heavy as the "city" for, in this competition only the top trophies are entered by all our brother associations throughout the province and from the statistics below you will see that the competition is becoming very tough. These Provincial trophies will be harder to win as the years go by and will be a trophy to be proud to own. Here are the statistics for the first two years.

The classifications of Caribou and non-current have been limited to two entries only, so all you members of associations wherever you be in the Province, drag those old racks down from the barns have them scored, you may have a Boone & Crockett rack, get into those trophy rooms, in the non-current classification we are looking for the BIG RACKS no matter how long ago they were bagged and there must be dozens around.

Winners of the Alberta competition will be all of our "CITY" winners have been automatically notified as soon as all affidavits have been judged

entered, so good luck to all who have made the judges circle.

Classification	No. of Entries	Average Score	Boone & Crockett. Minimum Score for Record Standing.	No. of Entries Making Boone & Crockett Score
Elk (Wapiti)	30	320 4/8	360	4
Moose. (Canada)	18	175 2/8	185	4
Grizzly Bear	3	23 3/16	23	2
Blk - Brn. Bear	8	18 2/16	19	2
Mnt. Goat	7	44 2/8	49	Nil.
Big H. Sheep	6	171 4/8	175	2
N./T. Mule Deer.	2	184 5/8	225	Nil.
N./T. W. Tail Deer	5	165 3/8	180	Nil.
Mule Deer	15	152 4/8	185	2
W./ Tail Deer.	15	146 3/8	160	4

In concluding this report may I remind you again of our "Sportsman's Show" at the Jubilee Auditorium being held from April 14th thro' 17th. Attend yourself and bring your family and friends

along, this will be one of the best attractions we the Association, has put on for our members, let it then be a success.

Predator Group Reports

R.J. Durrant, Chairman.

Being a new member of the board of the Edmonton Fish & Game Association, this is my first opportunity to communicate with the members at large. I am also new at the report writing business so please bear with me.

The cold winter and the last thaw we experienced have been very tough on our big game population, especially the deer. With the heavy crust of snow they have to break through for food, they have become very weak, this makes them easy prey for the wolf and mountain lion so I imagine we can expect some losses there.

The crows, which fly south and the magpie, which doesn't seem to be affected by anything, will soon be nesting. With our stock of upland birds already depleted by the severe winter, they

may be bothered quite badly by these two predators. I would like to see our members bag a few crows and magpies this spring as well as wreck as many nests as possible. Killing these birds in the spring has the best impact on their numbers

I have not as yet formed a predator committee as such and would like anyone interested to contact me at 479-0541 in the evenings or get in touch with any board member. I hope to have a display in the Sportsmans Show so you could also get in touch with me there, also any ideas from the members would be gratefully accepted.

Lets get out this spring and summer and get the eye in shape for fall. If you can knock down a few magpies this year, the pheasants will come easy.

Upland Birds Reports

Dr. G.R. Bowman, Chairman.

SURVIVAL FROM SEVERE WINTER HEAVY?

Here we are getting well into April and the snow is fast disappearing, exposing the stubble and the low bushes. This is good news for the wildlife or the province, especially the upland birds that survived the terrible winter.

One always looks with some pessimism to next years upland bird hunting prospects, following a winter as severe as the one we have just experienced.

Our game biologists are not such a pesimistic lot, and are predicting good hunting in the Edmon-

ton area next fall if the spring is right. A dry spring is more important than a mild winter, in insuring a good game population in the fall. The peak pheasant hatch comes in the last two weeks in June. The first two days are the really critical days for the young chicks. At this stage they are very susceptible to the damp and cold. If we have a wet two weeks at this time large numbers of the chicks perish from pneumonia.

From all reports our native species; ruffed grouse and sharptails have done reasonably well. The pheasants have had it a little rough, but except for the southland, are abundant enough that as we said before if the spring conditions are right we should have reasonable ringneck shooting again next fall.

The huns are reported to have done quite well in this area and are now appearing in mating pairs.

We would appreciate any further information that members might have from their own personal observation.

It will be only a short while before the Gov't wildlife men will be doing their spring crowing counts, which is a much more accurate method of estimating pheasant populations.

Here is a list of last years pheasant releases. As you probably already know the south country will be getting pretty well all the birds released this year. There will be none released north of highway 16.

1964 PHEASANT RELEASES

Peers	250
Evansburg	250
Stony Plain	125
Whitecourt	125
High Prairie	128
Fairview	250
Endiang	96
Stettler	192
Hillspring	288
Hanna	96
Provost	192
Carstairs	288
Viking - Holden	384

Mundare	192
Barrhead	192
Mayerthrope	96
New Sarepta	192
Bretona	192
Warner	96
Coutts	96
Medicine Hat	225
Edmonton	288
Brooks	181

TOTAL 4414

CONTINUED RESISTANCE NECESSARY

The battle we have been waging over commercial interests gaining control of our hunting and fishing rights, has for the moment taken a turn for the worse. The resolution favoring the establishment of commercial pheasant hunting preserves was passed in the legislature.

LOSE BATTLE BUT WIN WAR

We may have lost the battle, but as some one once said, "One battle doesn't make a war" We now have to retreat to a new line of defence, and dig in again. The sportsmen of this province have learned a bitter lesson in the type of political tactics we have to deal with. Mr. Manning and some members of his government in more than one sphere have shown that they feel politically secure enough to go directly against what the majority wants. Mr. Manning regards the hunters, fishermen and fish and game associations of Alberta and their opinions in these affairs as the mere bleatings of a few lambs that have strayed from his flock, and that we can be lured along with a ridiculous line of promises for the future. Mr. Mannings promises must come from his crystal ball, or more likely they are strictly a matter of political expedience in the face of a vote losing decision, greater than he realized at the outset, or would care to admit.

It is theoretically still a free country, in which we are allowed to voice our opinions. We must continue to oppose in all possible ways any further plans this or any government may have to sell our fishing and hunting rights.

Some Harsh Words On Water Pollution

by Geo. Laley

You will have been informed through the various news media that last week was National Wildlife week, with the Canadian Wildlife Federation to which we are affiliated providing the leadership for a nation-wide drive to make the general public aware of the needs for an increasing concern for the protection of our wildlife and all related natural resources.

It is no secret that eastern Canada, with its immense fresh water resources is now desperate-

ly short of clean usable water for its domestic and industrial needs. We have always taken our water resources for granted as a bounty conferred on us, and which would last for ever no matter how we abused them, but that has proved to be wrong. Since the end of world war 2 our population and industrial development mushroomed leaving research and practice in the field of water pollution far behind, and the problem was with us long before most people even realized it was imminent

CONDITIONS IN EDMONTON

About twelve years ago Edmonton and Calgary were forced to realize that their rivers had become little better than open sewers, and drastic action had to be taken at very great expense. Industrial plants are now compelled to provide adequate treatment for their effluents before discharging them back into the river, and given to understand that this treatment of industrial waste must be budgetted for in their capital expenditure and operating costs if they are to be permitted to operate in Alberta. Edmonton now has one of the most modern and efficiently operated sewage treatment plants possible, but, it is already becoming over loaded and is finding it difficult to handle the amount of waste matter that is being poured into our ever expanding sewerage system. This means that at most times of the year our river is carrying a load of pollution up to the absolute limit permitted by Government regulations, and Alberta standards are not high compared with most of the densely populated European countries. What then, is the answer?

First of all we have to face the fact that we tax payers are going to have to foot the bill for a considerable expansion of our sewage treatment facilities in the not too distant future. It is not a question of whether we can afford it. It is a case of having to afford it to cope with the demands of our increasing population.

However, there is one pollution factor that we as club members can help to relieve, and that is the untold number of cases of illegal dumping that are taking place all the time, and the number of drainage outlets from small plants, farms, gravel pits etc. which quite often become the means of disposing of farm manure, waste oil, and other obnoxious material. Individually most of these minor resources of pollution may seem to be unimportant, but they are being allowed to occur on all our rivers and streams, and in the aggregate amount to a serious problem, as they are adding pollutants to surface water that is already charged to the limit.

Law enforcement machinery is set up to deal with this problem, but it is necessary for these things to be reported before a government inspector is sent out to check on them and take appropriate action. In recent months four cases have been reported by our members, and when reported to the Department of Health, it was ascertained that in only one of these cases had a previous complaint been lodged and action instigated, yet one of these cases reported by a north Edmonton member entailed the dumping of waste oil into the river from a tank truck within full view of the Dawson bridge with the tell-tale black smear plainly visible to the thousands of people, including police officers, who cross the bridge every day.

This just goes to show the need for all of us to keep our eyes open as we move around. There are not nearly enough inspectors to patrol the

district, but there are enough of us to do it very thoroughly. Reports of pollution can be mailed in to your Fish & Game office, complete with all relevant details that can be unearthed after a reasonable investigation, and of course, the exact location pin-pointed.

We are not merely sending these reports in to the department of health, we are following them up and checking on the action that is taken in each case. We are not bucking anyone in taking on this project as the dept. of health is on our side and welcomes any assistance we can give them.

In the Fish and Game Association every week is NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK.

CONVENTION REPORT ON MIGRATORY BIRD GAME

There were only five resolutions submitted relative to migratory game, and all five were carried. Two of these were submitted by Edmonton Fish & Game Association., and were as follows:

That the boundaries of migratory bird hunting zones be made less confusing. The merits of this resolution were so obvious that it was carried without any opposition.

That federal and provincial governments be asked to impose a speed limit of 10 miles per hour on power boats operated within 100 yards of any lake shore line, except in pick-up and docking area.

This was my own resolution, instigated by my observations that fast boats and water skiers operating close to shore, scare the birds from their nests, and often flood nests in the emergent vegetation, scatter broods of young birds, and leave eggs and young birds wide open to predators. Many of our smaller lakes which are subjected to this treatment every week end during the summer, have ducks coming in to nest every year, but produce few if any young birds. This resolution was carried without any opposition.

Red Deer Fish and Game assoc. submitted the resolution; that we go on record as favouring a duck stamp to sell for \$1.00, and that these monies go for reclaiming duck and goose breeding grounds and wet-lands.

I spoke to this resolution asking for assurance that all of this money would be used specifically for the purpose of reclaiming wet-lands, and would not be absorbed in administrative costs, or passed into some general fund. This assurance was given, and after some discussion by other delegates, the resolution was carried by a comfortable margin. ..

A resolution from East-Central Alberta called for the shooting of geese in M.U.s. P2. and P234 be restricted to morning shoots.

It was explained that these two units are adjacent to an area in Saskatchewan where this policy is now in operation, and has been effective in.

preventing the birds from being driven out of the area early in the season by concentrated hunting pressure.

The only other resolution on this slate called for a half mile restriction until Nov. 7th on three lakes in South-Central Alberta.

CURRENT REVIEW

In spite of the late spring the water birds were back in southern Alberta the last week in March, moving in to our north-central district as soon as there were some good puddles of snow water on the fields, in other words the early nesting species were moving back in the first week of April. This is quite normal, as my observations through the years indicate that although weather conditions may affect the southward migration in the fall, the birds come back again in the spring just when the calender says they should, and are all paired off and r'arin' to get on with their domestic chores regardless of the weather.

So far the thaw has been nice and steady

with the run-off water finding its way in to the pot holes and sloughs where it belongs, without causing excessive flooding, and indications are that our water birds will find better nesting conditions than for several years past. However, my weather prediction is in line with Walking Eagle, I think we have more rough weather ahead of us, and this could cause loss of eggs and young birds among the early nesting species. (When the old Eagle and I agree on our weather predictions they are always right, when we disagree mine are usually wrong.)

Being grounded for a couple of weeks with a rather severe dose of flue, I was not able to get out to check on Roger Schmitke's project for planting bales of straw at strategic spots round big lakes as an inducement for Canada Geese to extend their nesting territory. This scheme has worked successfully in other places, so it may well be a project which can be developed successfully throughout the province on lakes which could but do not at present harbour nesting geese.

Publishers Note:

We are in a hurry this time to meet a deadline before our Sportsman Show, so please excuse any errors, also our Personality page is missing.

Thank you

FISHERMAN'S NIGHT

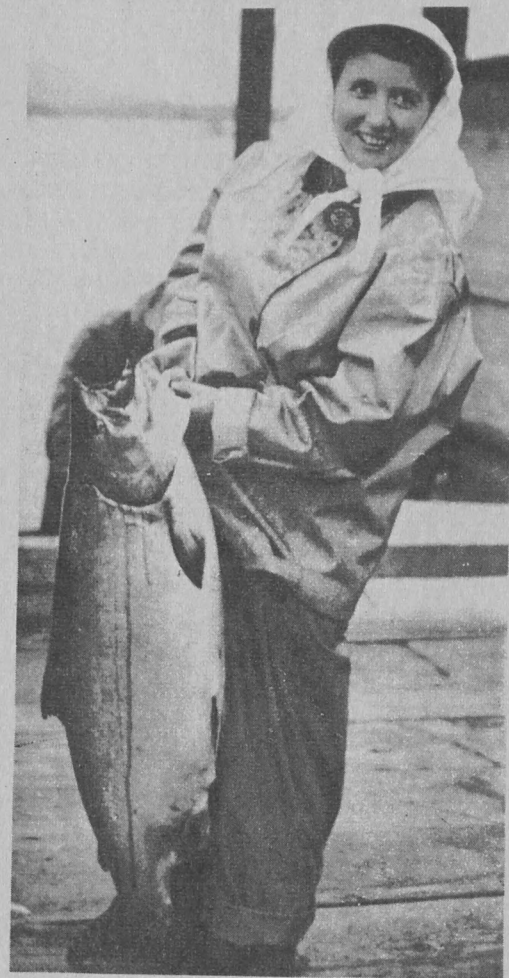
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